



**GLENDALE CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP SESSION**  
**Council Chambers – Workshop Room**  
**5850 West Glendale Avenue**  
**June 06, 2006**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

1. [2006 STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE](#) – 30 MINUTES
2. [THUNDERBIRD CONSERVATION PARK MASTER PLAN](#) – 45 MINUTES

**CITY MANAGER’S REPORT**

**This report allows the City Manager to update the City Council about issues raised by the public during Business from the Floor at previous Council meetings or to provide Council with a response to inquiries raised at previous meetings by Council members. The City Council may only acknowledge the contents to this report and is prohibited by state law from discussing or acting on any of the items presented by the City Manager since they are not itemized on the Council Workshop Agenda.**

**COUNCIL COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. LEGAL MATTERS
  - A. The City Council will meet with the City Attorney for legal advice, discussion and consultation regarding the city’s position in pending and contemplated litigation, including settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation. (A.R.S. §§38-431.03 (A)(3)(4)).
2. LEGAL MATTERS – PROPERTY & CONTRACTS
  - A. Discussion/consultation with the City Attorney and City Manager to receive an update, to consider its position, and to provide instruction/direction to the City

Attorney and City Manager regarding Glendale's position in connection with development agreements relating to public and private development in the area of the Loop 303 Corridor between Camelback and Peoria Avenues, which is the subject of negotiations. (A.R.S. §§ 38-431.03 (A)(3)(4))

3. PERSONNEL MATTERS

A. Various terms have expired on Boards and Commissions. The City Council will be discussing appointments involving the following Boards and Commissions. (A.R.S. §38-431.03 A.1)

1. Ad-Hoc Event Advisory Committee
2. Arts Commission
3. Aviation Advisory Commission
4. Board of Adjustment
5. Citizen Bond Election Committee
6. Citizens Advisory Commission On Neighborhoods
7. Citizens Bicycle Advisory Committee
8. Citizens Transportation Oversight Commission
9. Commission On Persons With Disabilities
10. Community Development Advisory Committee
11. Firemen's Pension and Relief Fund
12. Historic Preservation Commission
13. Housing Advisory Commission
14. Industrial Development Authority
15. Judicial Selection Advisory Board
16. Library Advisory Board
17. Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission
18. Personnel Board
19. Planning Commission
20. Public Safety Personnel Retirement System/Fire Board
21. Public Safety Personnel Retirement System/Police Board
22. Risk Management/Worker's Compensation Trust Fund Board

B. The City Council will meet to discuss and consider the annual performance evaluation of the City Clerk. (A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(1))

**Upon a public majority vote of a quorum of the City Council, the Council may hold an executive session, which will not be open to the public, regarding any item listed on the agenda but only for the following purposes:**

- (i) discussion or consideration of personnel matters (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(1));
- (ii) discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(2));
- (iii) discussion or consultation for legal advice with the city's attorneys (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(3));
- (iv) discussion or consultation with the city's attorneys regarding the city's position regarding contracts that are the subject of negotiations, in pending or contemplated litigation, or in settlement discussions conducted in order to avoid or resolve litigation (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(4));

- (v) discussion or consultation with designated representatives of the city in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations with employee organizations (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(5)); or
- (vi) discussing or consulting with designated representatives of the city in order to consider its position and instruct its representatives regarding negotiations for the purchase, sale or lease of real property (A.R.S. §38-431.03 (A)(7)).

**Confidentiality Requirements Pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03 (C)(D):** Any person receiving executive session information pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.02 shall not disclose that information except to the Attorney General or County Attorney by agreement of the City Council, or as otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.



CITY OF GLENDALE

# Council Communication

## Workshop Agenda

06/06/2006

Item No. 1

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ed Beasley, City Manager

PRESENTED BY: Dana Tranberg, Intergovernmental Programs Director

SUBJECT: [2006 STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE](#)

### *Purpose*

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- This is a request for City Council to provide direction on proposed state legislation, consistent with the approved 2006 state legislative agenda.
- The purpose of the 2006 state legislative agenda is to affect state legislation in relation to the interests of the city and its residents.

### *Council Strategic Goals Or Key Objectives Addressed*

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- The 2006 state legislative agenda provides the policy framework by which Intergovernmental Programs staff engages on state legislative issues.
- Throughout the 2006 state legislative session, policy direction will be sought on proposed statutory changes which fall under the adopted council policy statements relating to the financial stability of the city, public safety issues, promoting economic development, managing growth and preserving neighborhoods.

### *Background*

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- The Intergovernmental Programs staff recommends prioritizing the state legislative agenda to a few key issues to allow the city to have a stronger, more consistent message on the items of greatest priority.
- The legislative agenda defines the city's priorities for the upcoming session and will guide the city's lobbying activities at the Arizona State Legislature. The Intergovernmental

Programs staff will come before the Council on a regular basis throughout the session for direction on bills and amendments that may be introduced. The city's legislative agenda is a flexible document and may change, based on activities at the Legislature and Council direction.

## *Previous Council/Staff Actions*

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- On January 17, 2006, February 7, 2006, April 18, 2006, and May 2, 2006 Council provided policy direction on bills of municipal interest.
- On December 20, 2005, Council approved the 2006 State Legislative Agenda, which included policy statements on municipal legislative priorities and principles.

## *Community Benefit*

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- The priorities and principles of Glendale's 2006 state legislative agenda provides the venue for the city to identify and engage on state legislative issues. The key principles of the state legislative agenda are: to preserve and enhance the city's ability to deliver quality and cost-effective services to citizens and visitors; to address quality of life issues for Glendale residents, and to enhance the City Council's ability to serve the community by retaining local decision making authority and maintain state legislative and voter commitments for revenue sources.

## *Direction/Policy Guidance*

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Staff is requesting Council to provide policy direction on the proposed state legislative issues.



CITY OF GLENDALE

# Council Communication

## Workshop Agenda

06/06/2006

Item No. 2

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Ed Beasley, City Manager

PRESENTED BY: Becky Benná, Parks and Recreation Director

SUBJECT: **THUNDERBIRD CONSERVATION PARK MASTER PLAN**

### *Purpose*

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- This is a request for City Council to review the proposed Thunderbird Conservation Park Master Plan recommendations.

### *Council Strategic Goals Or Key Objectives Addressed*

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- The Thunderbird Conservation Park Master Plan addresses the Council's strategic goal of providing high quality services for citizens.
- The 2002 Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommended that a master plan be completed to protect and manage Thunderbird Conservation Park.

### *Background*

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- Based upon the 2002 Parks and Recreation Master Plan recommendation to develop a master plan for Thunderbird Conservation Park, the City of Glendale and the community began the process to develop a master plan for the park. That process began in 2004 and has included a wide-range of public input, surveys of both the community and park users, studies and analysis of the park site.
- The master plan is a general long-range planning tool that will guide staff and the community in protecting and managing Thunderbird Conservation Park. The key areas addressed in development of the plan included park use, standards for maintenance, and park management practices.

- In September 2005, a draft of the preliminary master plan was presented to the community. At that time, public feedback indicated the need to reconsider the recommendations for the plan. Since then, additional steps were taken to provide opportunities for public input and collect additional park information.
- As a result, the recommendations for changes to the plan are based on the following priorities: limit park improvements; repair/replace restrooms; provide safe drinking water; provide a safe and clean park; improve signage for parking, rules and regulations, trail markers, and plant and wildlife identification; provide shade and picnic areas; provide areas for interpretive education discussions; provide parking but limit expansion; enhance and preserve wildlife; maintain existing trails; connect trails, and restore areas with native vegetation, as well as preserve native vegetation already in the park.

## *Previous Council/Staff Actions*

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- The draft of the preliminary master plan was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission in June 2004. However, the Thunderbird Conservation Park Master Plan was postponed until the 59th Avenue Road design public process was completed. That street public process and design approval was completed in early 2005.
- In September 2005, the draft preliminary plan previously reviewed by the Park and Recreation Commission in 2004 was presented to the public. At that time, public feedback indicated the need to reconsider the recommendations for the plan. During the past nine months, additional steps were taken to listen to provide opportunities for public input through on-site surveys of park users, observation of uses and demands on the park, examination of other area mountain preserves and parks, and additional public meetings.

## *Community Benefit*

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- The Thunderbird Conservation Park Master Plan is intended to protect and manage the resources of the park. It will be the guide for accomplishing the mission of insuring that the park continues to be cared for and utilized as identified by the community.

## *Public Input*

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- The community has been involved in the development of a master plan to address park use, standards for care and maintenance, and best management practices for the park. The process has been lengthy, but it has involved extensive public input through a series of public meetings, Park and Recreation Commission presentations and public comment, surveys of the community and park users, tours of other area mountain parks, and various park site studies. Please see the attached Executive Summary for details regarding the plan's public process.

- As a result of the public process, parks and recreation staff presented the proposed conceptual changes to the Thunderbird Conservation Preliminary Master Plan at the April 10, 2006 Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting. Two public meetings were also held on April 26 and 29, 2006 to present and review the proposed changes to the plan.
- Staff presented the Preliminary Master Plan Executive Summary to the Parks and Recreation Commission at its May 8, 2006 meeting. The Commission unanimously approved the proposed changes to the plan and directed staff to proceed with completion of the master plan.

## *Budget Impacts & Costs*

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- To complete the improvements identified in the master plan the projected cost is approximately \$5.5 million. Resources to fund the improvements include grants and operating and capital improvement funds. In addition, staff plans to also pursue alternative funding sources through community partnerships.
- Funds currently available to begin to address the plan's recommendations total to approximately \$300,000. In addition, a land bridge will be constructed over 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue that will connect the park's east and west sides and improvements to the gate park entrance will be completed as part of the road improvement project. Additional funding is planned in future fiscal years that will continue the completion of the master plan recommendations.
- Staff recommends phasing the improvements to the park based on the following priorities: Continue repair and maintenance of trails; removal of invasive plant species and revegetation of the park with native plants; repair and upgrade existing park elements; remove park elements from the wash located at 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue that will allow for restoration of the wildlife corridor and vegetation; and installation of new park elements.

## *Direction/Policy Guidance*

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Staff is seeking direction from the Council to proceed with finalizing the Thunderbird Conservation Park Master Plan.